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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you this brief letter to encourage you, your department and the administration to endorse the present proposal to settle the Microsoft anti-trust case. This case is ready for settlement. The major parties have agreed to the proposal after prolonged negotiation.

The plan will restrain Microsoft from any future anti-trust activities. Its marketing practices will be monitored by a new federally appointed oversight committee. The company's Windows systems will now become all but part of the public domain with the platform now reconfigured to "promote" non- Microsoft software. Microsoft's will now license its products to major manufacturers at near uniform terms. In short the agreement lets Microsoft remain whole in return for opening up its technology to the rest of the IT industry. This is more than fair.

Microsoft is a great corporation. In this time of economic floundering, the company should be able to direct all its energy to the business of business. Please give this proposal your attention and support.

Sincerely,


Joseph Bukowski